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I strongly support SB1187 Establishing Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program. Climate change is a real problem both in Oregon and around the world, and money talks. Why should the taxpayers have to pay twice for polluters? At the federal level the taxpayers subsidize the fossil fuel industry, and at the state level they pay for the clean up. If we can solve part of that problem by having the polluters at least pay for the cleanup it may dissuade them from polluting quite as much. Polluter pays is a core principle of environmental law and invokes basic fairness. Treat climate change damage like mining and other types of environmental damage! The enablers and largest contributors (especially if they knew the damage they were causing and ignored it) must pay!